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(03.30) - COOPERATION IN GENETIC ENGINEERING RESEARCH

REF: (A) FISCHER-MALYSHEV TELEX OF APRIL 1, OIH 580, (B) STATE 6732

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1. SCIENCE OFFICE LEARNED FROM MESHKOVSKIY OF MOH ON APRIL 1 THAT US SIDE HAD INDEFINITELY POSTPONED DRS. TIKHONENKO AND KALININ'S WORKING VISIT TO US TO DO RESEARCH ON RECOMBINANT DNA (GENETIC ENGINEERING). MESHKOVSKIY ALSO ADVISED THAT TWO US SCIENTISTS, DRS. MOLONEY AND SIBAL, WILL BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS WITH MOH OFFICIALS THE TWO SOVIET SCIENTISTS' INTERESTS AND PROPOSED RESEARCH PLANS DURING THE IVMPENDING VISIT TO THE USSR (APRIL 12-20 OF THE US SPECIALISTS. DHEW TELEX TO MOH (REF A) CONFIRMED THE FOREGOING. COMMENT. MESHKOVSKIY SEEMED PUZZLED BUT NOT PIQUED BY THE POSTPONEMENT OF THE TIKHONENKO-KALININ VISIT. HE EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE THAT FIRM ARRANGEMENTS FOR THEIR RESEARCH VISIT COULD BE MADE DURING DISCUSSIONS IN MOSCOW WITH DRS. MOLONEY AND SIBAL. END COMMENT.

2. SCIENCE OFFICE HAS A STRONG INTEREST IN STAYING ABREAST OF DEVELOPMENTS IN SOVIET GENETIC ENGINEERING RESEARCH AND OF SOVIET EFFORTS TO SET UP COOPERATIVE RESEARCH WITH US SCIENTISTS UNCLASSIFIED

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IN THIS FIELD, ONE OF GROWING SCIENTIFIC AND SOCIAL IMPORT. WE THEREFORE ENCOURAGE DHEW TO ADVISE DRS. MOLONEY AND SIBAL TO MAKE A CALL AT THE EMBASSY AT A TIME CONVENIENT TO THEM DURING THEIR VISIT. THE EMBASSY WOULD BE PLEASED TO ASSIST THEM IN EVERY WAY POSSIBLE DURING THEIR STAY HERE.

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